

I passionately request you to vote against the "Preserving Innovation in Telecom Act" which prevents state and local governments from providing "any telecommunications service, information service or cable service" anywhere a corporation offers a similar service. The internet is the last refuge for a free press. It will be a national disaster to turn internet access into a monopoly. The big telecommunications and cable companies are very profitable with the monopolies that they already have. They have also been very innovative, so the only motivation seems to be excessive GREED.

This is clearly an aggressive special interest piece of legislation that flies in the face of Capitalism as I know it. It's the kind of thing we complain about in corrupt dictatorships around the world. The bill's sponsor, Congressman Sessions, worked for telephone SBC for 16 years, and his wife currently serves as a director of Cingular Wireless, an SBC subsidiary. SBC and its employees have been Sessions' second-biggest career patron, pouring more than \$75,000 into his campaign coffers.

Finally, the concept is not popular with the public. An alliance of public interest groups, local officials, high-tech innovators and organized citizens have defeated anti-municipal broadband measures in nine of the 13 states where they've been introduced this year.

Sincerely,

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